



# New College Council Meeting November 14th, 2020 1:00PM - 2:00PM EST via Zoom Chaired by Nicholas Kriss

**Call to Order: (Date and Time)** 

I would like to call this meeting to order on Monday September 14th, 2020 at 2:00 PM.

### **Council Members:**

Voting Members: Matthew Mohammed, Mohammed Obaid, Casey Medina, Shenali Don, Elena

Oganyan, Kyle Fernandes

Non-Voting Members: Maritza Mohammed, Josh Raghurai, Kyra Bendastos, Alexus

Marticorena, Sana Abidi, Victoria Hanna, Krista Lopiccolo

Absent: Josh Raghurai, Negar Fathi, Filomena Pestana, Rachel Trinh, Kevin Chan

**Announcement of Proxies:** Casey will be Kevin's proxy.

Sana will be Rachel's proxy.

#### Speaker Remarks:

- If you wish to obtain the floor, quietly raise your hand or leave a message in the zoom chat
- To avoid constant circling of a topic at hand, I will end the discussion so we move forward to a solution or table the topic.
- Please refrain from making any side remarks, murmurs, sighs, chuckles or anything of that nature. We aim to be as professional as possible and want to get business dealt with so such behaviour must be avoided. If need be, one warning will be given, and anything after that you will be asked to leave the meeting
- Please remain seated with your camera on throughout the entire meeting unless it is an emergency.





## Adoption of the Agenda

Motion Date: Monday September 14th 2020

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Moved By: Casey Medina

Seconded By: Maritza Mohammed

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 5

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

## **Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Motion Date: Monday September 14th 2020

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the minutes from the previous two meetings be adopted as

presented.

Moved By: Matthew Mohammed

Seconded By: Mohammed Obaid

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 6

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

### **Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes**

None





### Financial Updates

- Executives:
  - None
- Athletics:
  - o None
- Social:
  - o None

### **Department Updates**

### **President's Update**

- Frosh Week Recap
  - Maritza Mohammed
    - "I just wanted to give a big thanks to everyone, you all did an amazing job. All the captains had good things to say about all of you and it was amazing to see."
- Time Off and Fall Semester
  - Maritza Mohammed
    - "I will be taking the week off next week starting Sunday to next Friday. The meetings that I have behind the scenes, I will still attend but if you need to contact anyone during that week, contact Matthew Mohammed our VP Operations. If it's that important that you need to talk to me feel free to come and talk to me about it but he should have the answer for more things. Please just try not to contact me, so I'm forcing myself next Sunday to Friday to do that. As for the rest of fall semester, I will be busy. That's just a warning ahead of time because now I have 2 jobs, this and school so just bear with me if I don't reply to you right way, I will try to but just keep that in mind."
- Takeovers
  - Maritza Mohammed
    - \* "As for the takeovers, we're starting them now. The CRO is doing hers today which looks great so far. Just a reminder, keep track of the schedule and whose doing what because they will be coming up soon. Also, the Promo team must take time to prepare them and stuff like that as well. The schedule is in the WhatsApp group chat, it will be one every week. As for the response for the takeovers, our story views went up high, I don't know if it's because of it being the day before frosh but they went up. Interactions have been pretty high, so I feel like it'll go well for the rest of the semester and it's just a nice way of keeping our Instagram active."





- COVID Reminder
  - Maritza Mohammed
    - "For any events for the athletics team or social team, keep in mind we must still follow social distancing guidelines. Another college got into some trouble with admin because of the posts they were making so I just wanted to give a reminder about that. If you are going to do promo videos together and have more than 5 people on a call, just make sure you're all wearing masks or that you're all social distancing. So far, you all have been doing that so just keep that up."

#### Website

- Maritza Mohammed
  - "Website traffic went up a lot, in the past 2 weeks, we got 2000 views on the website so if you all need to post anything or want me to update it, if you want to do your event registration there or anything like that, I can always update the website just so it does get more traffic. Also, it's the perfect place because you get to see pictures and have descriptions of what we do rather than it just being on our Instagram."
- All Out Strike/Protest
  - Maritza Mohammed
    - "We will be doing a motion later but YFS contacted me about endorsing this campaign, it will be on September 30th and their Instagram handle is @allouts30. We will be voting on it later but it's about a lot of things. They will be going downtown to do a strike and, on that day, they are striking for free and accessible education for all, cops off campus, defunding the police, decent work and wages on campus and in our communities, more black and indigenous faculty, teachers and staff at all levels, more service programs and supports for black and indigenous students, Implementation of race-based data collection throughout the education system, independent investigation to anti-black racism in the post secondary sector and implementation of peel districts school board anti-racism recommendation at all boards. They're asking us as a college to support and endorse it for the September 30th strike against racism. Whatever they do post, they will have our logo there as an endorsement. Later at the motion, we will talk about it more and you can share your opinions but that's what it's about."
- Social and Athletic Events
  - Maritza Mohammed
    - "As for social and athletic events, please hype them up, please participate. Even though you all did a great job with frosh, it still must continue that's how we get our numbers. This week is welcome week so I would love to





see all of you all here today and throughout the rest of the week. For athletics squat challenge, start doing them. I tagged 2 council members and it's still not done so participate. For the rest of September, just keep that momentum continuing."

### Hiring Season

- Maritza Mohammed
  - "As for hiring season, we will start hiring before elections I'm pretty sure, just to get it out of the way. VP Operations and I are still talking about it but it's just a warning that it will be happening. A lot of people have been messaging me when elections and hiring are going to happen, what they can go for so I just want to keep that momentum right after frosh and just have them join council right way. As well, for elections and stuff like that they usually finish pretty late and I feel like with York and all their technical difficulties, elections might be delayed even more this year. So I just want to get our council together by the end of elections which will usually be end of October and not end of November or beginning of December."

# Office hours/lounge

- Maritza Mohammed
  - "It's looking like for fall, everything will be online. We will still be doing office hours/creating our lounge it will be a in a few weeks and that's why I asked for your availability. It will be a few hours throughout the day every 2 weeks. There will be more than one council member scheduled and it will be our lounge vibe like our space jam events from frosh. Y'all can play games, jack box, scribbl.io stuff like that. If people are in the same class, you can put them into breakout rooms, and they can study together. It will be both froshies and upper years. In order to convince people to come, we will be doing a raffle for free uber eats that day."

## Council retreat

- Maritza Mohammed
  - "As for council retreat, the execs and I have been talking about it and we want to see if you guys would come if we planned it. As for timing wise, we we're thinking the first week in January when we come back to school. We we're thinking of doing a cabin, finance wise you may have to pay for some of it but we'll be trying to pay the rent and you guys would just front the cost for food and others. We don't have the finances planned out yet because we want to see how many people would want to go."
- Casey Medina
  - "We should probably get tested before we go."
- Maritza Mohammed





- "I was going to say we should get tested a week or 2 before we go.

  Besides that, just make sure you're not going out of your way to meet new people if you don't have to. It looks like many people want this to happen so the execs and I will start planning that."
- Matthew Mohammed
  - "We we're also planning on getting a little school bus because most of our council doesn't drive or have a car full time."

### **VP Finance Update**

None

# **VP Operations Update**

- Sent in video for opening ceremonies for council introduction (for frosh)
- Participated in various frosh week events
  - Hosted the HR "meet your major" event
- Attended orientation day and presented on behalf of council to all BCOM and BDEM first years
- Will be attending various welcome week events throughout this week
- Attended bi-weekly meeting with the college heads office

### **Social Update**

- Welcome week
  - Kyle Fernandes
    - "Welcome week starts today, I'm pretty sure all of you have seen the schedule. Today is meet the council it's something we do every year but obviously we can't do it as we did it in previous years where it would be at the pond garden and you get to pie us in the face. To keep in tradition, we'll still showcase the Council. It will be very basic tonight, who ever can make it please come, it's not mandatory. As for the rest of the events this week, if you can make it please come out. How tonight's going to work is, we will hop on the zoom call. It's at 5PM but please show up 10 minutes early. Each person will introduce themselves and to not make it a 5minute meeting, you'll say your name, position on council, your year/major, your favorite TV show and a fun fact about yourself. For the fun fact about yourself maybe you can give a little hint to the answer for the Kahoot. For the Kahoot we will be giving away some prizes. For those of you who haven't sent me a fact to add to the Kahoot please do because I





need to put it on before the meeting tonight. Also, for the rest of welcome week, you need to post the schedule, only 2 people other than social department posted it so please post the schedule so that people are aware. I know I've had a couple questions in regard to the Friday pub night, if people under 19 can attend. The answer to the is yes and no. The way the Maddison Pub works is that after a certain time they will start taking ID's at the door whereas before that time they only will ID for drinks so that's why I put it at 5pm as opposed to 7pm or 9pm. By putting it at 5pm there's a 50% chance that everyone will get it but I didn't want to advertise it as 18 and under because in the off chance that they do ID us we would have to send them home. You can tell them to come at 4pm which is what I'm doing with a couple council members. The reason why I choose the Maddison Pub was because it can easily accommodate 400 people with social distancing."

- Krista Lopiccolo
  - "Once we're at the Maddy how's it going to work?"
- Kyle Fernandes
  - "The Maddison Pub has opened up the inside, so all 3 houses are opened inside and both patios are opened. It's an open night, we don't have our own separate room it's just an open pub night. We'll all be in around d the same area, it's just like a first come first serve situation."

#### D&B Event

- Kyle Fernandes
  - "For Dave & Busters a couple people messaged me asking me what's happening with that and I just wanted your input on availability wise. As for timing I was thinking of doing it next Friday on the 25th, but the president said that she would do a doodle to see all of your availabilities."
- Maritza Mohammed
  - "I know school just started so I was wondering if you guys wanted to have 2 weeks to get settled with school and do it the third week of September or are you all good to do it next week?"
- Nicholas Kriss
  - "I think it's easier earlier because that way we won't have assignments every week. So, the earlier we do it the better because I know the 3<sup>rd</sup> week is when I have assignments for everyone of my classes."
- Maritza Mohammed
  - "Okay so I'll do the doodle and post it on the WhatsApp group chat."





### **Athletics Update**

- Posted on the Instagram: Instagram story polls and monthly challenges were created to increase engagement, + introduced athletic team
  - Casey Medina
    - "We we're planning on doing a 5k challenge and we'd have something everyone can screenshot and post their times using the Nike run App or the Apple health app"
- Recorded opening ceremony video with director athletics
- Participated in Frosh and presented for YOD orientation
- Attended SIRC meeting: SIRC is working on starting intramural racquet sports but has not given us concrete plans.
  - Tying to get individual racquet sports rather than anything group related to promote social distancing
- Executive SIRC council was elected
- Told to create our own individual council e-sport games (suggestions)
- Jerseys designs still in progress rough draft has been created

### **Promotions Update**

- IG Takeover
  - Sana Abidi
    - "We did everything for frosh, we did all the editing and videos. All we need to do right now is just the IG Takeovers so like the President said remember your schedules so that you can prepare in advance. It doesn't necessarily have to be what your doing that day, it can be like how the President did. How she went skydiving a couple weeks before her takeover and used those videos."

### **Academics Update**

- Attended monthly AAYU meeting
- Attended biweekly College Head's meeting
- Attended O-Week

# **Orientation Chair Update**

- Frosh debrief
  - Victoria Hanna
    - "I just wanted to give a big thanks to everyone for frosh, we're just finishing up thank you messages and later this week, we will be emailing





all of the winners for the awards and how they will be getting that. We're still discussing with the President and VP Finance what awards we will be giving out before we send out the emails to confirm."

#### **College Head Update**

None

#### Motions

Motion Date: Monday, September 14th, 2020

**Motion:** Be it resolved New College Council reimburses Judy Mohammed for 2 FedEx shipment payments regarding frosh.

#### **Motivation:**

- Maritza Mohammed
  - o "At the last meeting I believe, we talked about fronting the cost for 2 constituents or for 2 leaders for frosh, so we did end up purchasing those shipments. Again, I do them at work and I got my discount, but my mom was the one who purchased it. It was 2 separate receipts their both around 100\$. We're just motioning to reimburse her."

Moved By: Maritza Mohammed

Seconded By: Mohammed Obaid

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 6

Opposed: 0





**Motion:** Be it resolved New College Council amends article 2 section 3 subsection (b) from In the absence of the President, The Vice-President Academics shall preside at the meetings, to In the Absence of The Vice-President of Academics, the President shall preside at the meetings.

**Motivation**: Since The Vice President of Academics shall Chair the committee, in absence of The Vice President of Academics, the next highest member of the committee from New College Council is the President.

- Maritza Mohammed
  - "Just to clarify for the committee, whether it's the President Chairing or whoever's Chairing, it still needs to be VP Academics, President, VP Operations and one representative of the college head office there. We we're talking about it in our last meeting but if I do have re-run in the middle of Club Affiliation, then that creates a problem and we must find someone else to take over. Either way all 4 members have to be there and this motion kind of relates to if the previous motion had passed so this change doesn't really make sense."

Moved By: Mohammed Obaid

**Seconded By:** Matthew Mohammed

This motion has been: Not been passed

In favour: 0

Opposed: 1





**Motion:** Be it resolved New College Council amends article 2 section 3 subsection (a) from The Chair of the Club Ratification Committee shall be the President, to The Chair of the Club Ratification Committee shall be the Vice President of Academics.

**Motivation:** To be consistent with the New College Constitutions, as the constitutions states for the role of Vice President of Academics Shall organize and chair a committee for all student clubs affiliated with New College Council.

- Maritza Mohammed
  - "The whole process for affiliation is that there's myself, VP Operations, VP Academics and then a representative of the College Head office. We look at the applications and after that we do the process together and Chair the Committee. As for who sets that all up it's the VP Academics and as for who Chairs it it's usually the President. After the fact, whatever clubs that do get affiliated with New College that's when the VP Academics technically Chairs the meetings. I don't know if I fully understand the whole change but to me it's changing the affiliation process, not the actual after fact when all the clubs are already affiliated with New College because for the affiliation process, it's usually President and after that it's VP Academics. As for the point in the constitution that VP Academic is referring to, that's talking about after the fact because it says affiliated and that's the VP Academics job to keep communication with the clubs and council to make sure that their upholding their membership."
- Krista Lopiccolo
  - "The VP Academics sent this to me I don't know if this will clarify anything but he said "That one is in the constitution the role of the chair of the committee is suppose to be the VP Academics so just to make it consistent with the constitution, I put it in the motion." I think that if you look at the constitution and the By-Laws it might just be a consistency thing is what I'm gathering."
- Mohammed Obaid
  - "Can we put the By-Law and the Constitution side by side?
- Nicholas Kriss
  - o "I'll re-read the By-law "article 2 section 3 subsection (a) from The Chair of the Club Ratification Committee shall be the President, to The Chair of the Club Ratification Committee shall be the Vice President of Academics.""

The Constitution has been displayed on the screen.





#### Previous Motion Continued...

### Matthew Mohammed

"As you can see that's the motion the VP Academics wants and this is the constitutional point that they were bringing up but this is for after clubs are ratified so they are already affiliated at this point because their job throughout the year is to be in constant contact with all the club heads but in the past we've always done for the chair of the committee for ratifying the club, the President is always Chair. It was perfectly fine last year; the President did a great job. It's more important for the President to be the Chair because they have more experience on council so heading a committee to someone who has minimal council experience isn't optimal."

**Moved By:** Kyle Fernandes

**Seconded By:** Matthew Mohammed

This motion has been: Not been passed

In favour: 0

Opposed: 3





**Motion:** Be it resolved that article VI Section 11 of the bylaws is updated to the following

Unintentional Misrepresentation of facts – 2 points

Multiple Violations in the Same Location/Building – 3 points

Unapproved Material – 5 points

Campaigning in an Unauthorized Area (materials or otherwise) – 3 points

Pre/Post Campaigning (materials or otherwise) - 5 points

Intentional Misrepresentation of facts – 5 points

Failure to Submit Campaign Receipts and/or a signed statement of having no expenses, failure to gain approval

for expenses if election is held online – 3 points

Improper Distribution of Campaign Materials - 5 points

Unsanctioned use of NCC Resources – 5 points

Gross Misrepresentation of Fact – 5 points

Malicious or Intentional violation of Elections Policy - 5 points

Abuse of Position or Status – 5 points

Breaking University, Municipal, provincial, and/or Federal law/ regulation while campaigning – automatic disqualification

**Motivation:** to update points required in an online election as well as remove any discrepancies and duplicate demerit point declarations

- Krista Lopiccolo
  - "In this section, the way that it was originally written in the By-laws, it was all different sections. For example, one was for the materials, one was for what you said or did and then there was a general category. I pretty much just put everything into one. A lot of times, there were duplicates and it wasn't really clear which was which so I just made it all into one so that all of the points we're consistent because before if you did something in a building it was worth 3 but if it was somewhere else it was 2 so I just made it all the same and consolidated it. As well as Breaking University, Municipal, provincial, and/or Federal law/ regulation while campaigning was 10 points and the amount to get disqualification didn't meet that, so I just added, if you break the law, you won't be elected. I also added in some other stuff such as gaining approval for expenses if election is held online, like I said in the last meeting you have to get you're expense approved because everyone is online so you don't really need to have an expense and if you wanted to create something they still have the option."

Moved By: Maritza Mohammed

Seconded By: Mohammed Obaid

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 5

Opposed: 0





**Motion:** Be it resolved that article VI section 12.2 be updated to "in case of disqualification, the candidate will not be eligible to run for the following election or by-election without a written note to the elections committee at least 72 hours prior to the start of the nomination period stating why they should be considered eligible to run. The election committee must vote on a decision to allow the candidate to participate and inform the candidate at least 24 hours prior to the start of the nomination period.

**Motivation:** the original section stated "In case of disqualification, the candidate may not be able to run for the following election/ by election, discretionary to the elections committee "this update provides clarity on the exact steps that must be taken by both the candidate and elections committee to ensure fairness in allowing the individual to return as a candidate upon disqualification from the prior election.

## Krista Lopiccolo

"This is in addition the motion the former VP Operations put in. I think this just clarifies it on what to do because before it just said discretionary to the elections committee so it just states if you are disqualified theses are the exact steps that will be taken if you wanted to run again. You just have to write a letter and then it's voted on and we will then let you know with enough time for the nomination period if you are eligible to run and why that decision was made. Just out of fairness to the candidate as well and so that it is set in stone."

Moved By: Mohammed Obaid

**Seconded By:** Matthew Mohammed

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 5

Opposed: 0





**Motion:** Be it resolved that article VI Section 2 is updated to the following

### Social Media:

- 1. No new Facebook groups can be made for the purpose of campaigning
- 2. Only Facebook events can be made to promote the candidate on Facebook
- 3. Events must be taken down by the end of the campaign period
- 4. Status updates are allowed to tell people to vote during the campaign period
- 5. All campaign material must be taken down at the end of the campaign
- 6. No private messages can be sent after the campaign period telling people to vote
- 7. No new Instagram accounts can be created to promote the candidate
- 8. All private messages sent out and captions used on posts and stories must be pre-approved
- 9. No group chats are permitted to be created for the promotion of the candidate is added to the New College Bylaws.

**Motivation:** To update this section of the bylaws from being just related to Facebook to being applicable to other social media as well

- Krista Lopiccolo
  - "All this does is that it introduces a new section that's specifically for social media campaigning. Before there was only one for just Facebook. This just kind of updates it to take in platforms like Instagram or Twitter. A lot of these we're kept the same as it was before with the Facebook stuff. It just now incorporating Instagram and other social media. One thing that was changed is in the old By-Laws you're not allowed to tell anybody to go and vote during that time. What changed now is that in that time you are allowed. You can't directly say vote for me but you can tell people to go and vote."

Moved By: Maritza Mohammed Seconded By: Mohammed Obaid

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 5 Opposed: 0





Motion: Be it resolved New College Council endorses YFS' All Out Strike

### **Motivation:**

- Alexus Marticorena
  - "It's an ongoing campaign that YFS is holding but we decided to add more stuff because of everything that's happening in the world. The motion will just ensure that there's always fairness on campus for international students and all students on campus. There's been many incidents where students aren't feeling safe because of the police on campus so it's just to ensure that there's no police on campus for students' safety as well. Another thing is that there's less than 1% of faculty that is black on campus so it's just to make sure that we continue to push for more faculty of diversity and colour as well."

#### Maritza Mohammed

- "I received an email from the YFS President which says "I'm reaching out to you because I've been inspired by the growing movement of against Anti-Black racism and Anti-Indigenous Racism not only globally but right here out our very own university for our collective, power in our fight for justice as student leaders to recent strikes by professional athletes in Canada and the US are the upcoming scholar strike and the scholar strike in Canada led by Black, Indigenous and racialize faculty changes now." I don't know if you heard about last week but Wednesday and Thursday the first 2 days of classes the Black faculty did go on strike so that's why some of y'all may not have had class. As well some professors we're debating on joining in it but that happened last week. The YFS President continues to say "We want to build on the strikes and call for the province wide student led strike against racism anti-blackness and anti-indigenous racism on Wednesday September 30th 2020. As students, especially leaders at York University, I know we've had enough of the disingenuous tweets, statements and working groups. On that day we will strike for
  - Free and assessable education for all
  - Cops off campus, defunding the police
  - Decent work and wages on campus and in our communities
  - More black and indigenous faculty, teachers and staff at all levels
  - More service programs and supports for black and indigenous students
  - Implementation of race-based data collection throughout the education system
  - Independent investigation to anti-black racism in the post secondary sector
  - Implementation of peel districts school board anti-racism recommendation at all boards
- o I am writing to you now because I want you to join and/or support our strike here's how you can help. Pretty much this is the first thing that we're voting for to endorse the September 30<sup>th</sup> strike against racism. We plan to announce the details of the strike against racism on Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. If you confirm your endorsement by Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9pm, your organization's name will be included in the September 9<sup>th</sup> announcement. If you endorse after the date your organization's name will be added to subsequent announcements even if you support just one of our demands, ..."





### Motion Continued ...

- Maritza Mohammed
  - "...you are always welcomed to endorse the strike. So as for the dates I got it on September 8th and it was the middle of frosh so I decided to wait for a council meeting to discuss it. But what the YFS President said we do not have to endorse everything. If y'all have things here and there you do not really support and not endorse those and support everything else. Its really up to y'all. But does anyone have any comments of what they do or do not want to support?
- Matthew Mohammed
  - o Can you share your screen to show the points?

### President shares points on screen

- Casey Ann Medina
  - **o** When they say cops off campus, are they talking about the actual police or security?
- Maritza Mohammed
  - o I believe the actual police, the YFS Director probably knows more details about it
- Alexus Marticorena
  - o So what has happened in the past years and I'll give you a situation that occurred in the second student centre near New College. There was cops that were called because they noticed there was a large gathering of black students in the studios downstairs. So a lot of the students were questioned and put into situations where a lot of students do not feel safe on campus since they security will call when students are in the studios or certain places too long. So students do not feel safe on campus for reasons like that. Thats just one situation that happened.

### Maritza Mohammed

o There was also one situation that was brought up in my meeting with YFS about the whole antiracism campaign from the summer. It was about when people stay late at Tait or wherever because of intramural or athletics or just to workout. If they are racialize they do have cops or people who follow them even though they are just a student trying to play sports. Like intramural runs pretty late. I think is what lead them to making this one of their demands. But I don't know if anyone has any other opinions.





### Motion Continued ...

- Matthew Mohammed
  - O Didn't a change happen where cops cannot come on campus unless security is with them? I remember we learnt that during frosh.
- Alexus Marticorena
  - o Students do not always know that they have to contact security before getting the cops
- Matthew Mohammed
  - O Ya but when they do come do they have to be with security to be able to be on campus?
- Alexus Marticorena
  - o Yes they do.
- Matthew Mohammed
  - o So isn't it a matter of our security be able to follow a protocol?
- Alexus Marticorena
  - o It's not like they are trying to kick out security off campus they do need to be their for students safety. It's more of situations like the President was saying about how cops are just roaming around campus at night so it makes a lot of students feel uncomfortable if that makes sense.
- Kyle Fernandes
  - o I'm not trying to be smart or whatever but it does feel a little counter intuitive like early last year there was a instance in the new student centre of someone with some sort of weapon or knife and I'm pretty sure someone else on campus had a gun. That's something definitely for the cops. But if there are no cops on campus we would have to call them and wait for them to come. Where as if they were already on campus I feel like that situation would be taken care of.





# Adjournment

#### Motion Continued...

#### Matthew Mohammed

o "Just building off what our VP Social said, I lived in the village throughout the year and I remember there was a stabbing on the street that I was living on at one point. For me having the cops on campus made me feel safer because they didn't catch the person until weeks after. Also, teachers for me anyways, I noticed that a lot of the teachers are minority teachers, I've had very few Caucasian teachers in my experience at York maybe 3 max. A lot of mine have been of different minorities and descents. In terms of information based off of racial status, whenever you do studies with York like when I had psychology, they talk about how whenever they do racialized data, it doesn't include your name or information because that's a breach of your privacy so I think that's a big breach of privacy too but the other points I do agree with, it's just those 3 that I do not agree with."

### Krista Lopiccolo

"I understand the sentiment with having the cops off campus and I understand where YFS is going with it but I think the huge plot hole in my opinion with it is that, there is no adequate replacement for the police in the case because even with the whole movement of defunding the police, it's more to put it into other services. Getting the cops off campus is not putting anything into other services that's going to replace it or going to make that better, it's just removing another safety net for everybody else on campus when we know that there is a lot of issues at York. Even in general, people





#### Motion Continued...

aren't safe. Should they be following people around campus? Absolutely not, especially without security but with security alone at York without the police, I personally don't feel safe. So it's not right that they are following people around but there is no adequate replacement for the police.
 For me, I don't necessarily feel comfortable removing the police from campus knowing about all the sexual assaults, general assaults, everything else that goes along that York security can't do anything about."

#### Maritza Mohammed

"As a woman on campus, already staying late at night, I do get scared to walk by myself and bus and everything like that just because there are stories about random people that lurk around campus. Like the CRO said not having a replacement doesn't make me feel safer, if anything, it'll just make me not want to stay on campus later and I don't think that's fair to me or any other female identifying student that can't really control what other people do to them. As for the campaign as a whole, we can pick and choose what we want to endorse. Right now, it sounds like cops off campus is something that we don't want to endorse. Is there any other points that someone wants to talk about that we don't endorse? I'll just email back YFS and let them know what we do support and what we don't and just vote on those certain points."

#### Shenali Don

"Personally, being a fairly small female individual on campus, 95% of the time if I was alone on campus late, I did not feel safe. There has been times where I have been followed late at night on campus so I definitely don't feel safe without having a replacement of some sort. I understand the movement although I believe having cops on campus is a good thing because I live in the village as well and I know that the village is not safe."

Enter Josh Raghurai at 2:07pm.





#### Motion Continued

#### Nicholas Kriss

• "Did anyone want touch or have a problem with the first point which is free and assessable education for all? No problems with that one. Cops off campus is the next one. People disagree with that one."

#### Maritza Mohammed

"Decent work and wages on campus and in our communities. If you're against it speak up now. More black and indigenous faculty, teachers and staff at all levels. I know there was a comment on that one does any one want endorse it or not endorse it?"

### Josh Raghurai

o "I feel as though free and assessable education for all is a little bit farfetched. Considering the country that we live in, we already live in the 1% of the world kind of lifestyle meaning school, roofs over our heads, the cars we drive, the AC, the heat these are all privileges and the fact that we're having to pay something for it considering what I've seen school in the US charge their students, upwards of 50 000\$ a year USD without living on res. I'd say 20k is still a lot of money, but free education is very farfetched, the government can't be paying all that money for our schooling, they're doing what they can but the second you start asking for free education is where I feel people won't take you seriously. People already don't listen to students, they especially won't listen to us if we're asking for free education maybe a reduction in tuition, but no one will take us seriously if we're asking for free education. Especially if every other school in Canada is making their students pay."

### Alexus Marticorena

"Just to give you all a backstory but in Montreal there was a student movement and for this type of movement they get in contact with the overall Canadian student union so it's actually something that's going to go across all the campus' so whatever unions decide to go with the University's and college, they're going to end up joining this union. Yes, it is super difficult to make free and accessible education for all, yes, it is a very long stride and it's been a campaign that's been going on since 1950 but the overall thing is because of the OSAP cuts, it's impacted thousands of students across Canada. There're baby steps to





#### Motion Continued ...

- Nicholas Kriss
  - o Ok so people do have class 2:30PM so we are going to move on with the list.

#### Matthew Mohammed

o Going off of what Josh said free education is a stretch and if we do get free education then they are going to have to make budget cuts and we are going to be the first one to go on the list. So if we are doing this we should look at who's funding would be getting cut and not how much because for example York could cut half of YFS's funding, half of the colleges funding and keep their funding for their own plans. I think thats something we should also consider.

### Shenali Don

o From the YFS Director said I think we should go off of baby steps, whether its an OSAP thing and we help students who have a hard time paying for their education. That would be a more reasonable thing to fight for but not free education.

#### Nicholas Kriss

Ok we're gonna go back to the President figure out our finals points and if they have any opinions they can state it.

### Maritza Mohammed

Ok so we are gonna figure out which points we do want to support because we are running out of time since a few of us including me have class in 15 mins so I have to cut soon. So we are gonna vote on which points we all support then make that apart of the motion and then vote of if the motion should pass or not. So we'll have non voting members vote on this part because it is not the actual motion at hand. Ok so we'll start free accessible education, no one is in favour. Cops of campus, not enough in favour, decent work and wages on campus and in the communities, we're in favour, more black and indigenous faculty and staff at all levels, we're in favour, more services, programs, and support for black and indigenous students, we're in favour, implentation of raced based data in the education system, we're not in favour, an independent investigation on black racism in the post secondary student sector, we're not in favour, and implementation of peel district school board anti-black racism recommendations.





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- Independent investigation to anti-black racism in the post secondary sector. Not in favour.
   Implementation of peel districts school board anti-racism recommendation at all boards."
- Matthew Mohammed
  - "What is that last one?"
- Alexus Marticorena
  - "From what I remember this one being, they wanted to implement it with the secondary school boards, just like workshops on anti-racism because they believe that we're taught at a young age."
- Nicholas Kriss
  - "Put your hands up if you want to endorse that last one. Majority are in favour."
- Maritza Mohammed
  - "As for motion wise, we will be voting on decent work and wages on campus and in our communities. More black and indigenous faculty, teachers and staff at all levels. More service programs and supports for black and indigenous students. Implementation of peel districts school board anti-racism recommendation at all boards."

Moved By: Mohammed Obaid

Seconded By: Maritza Mohammed

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 6
Opposed: 0
Abstain: 0





# Adjournment

Motion Date: Monday, September 14th, 2020

**Motion:** Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 2:19pm

Moved By: Matthew Mohammed

Seconded By: Mohammed Obaid

This motion has been: Passed

In favour: 4

Opposed: 0